

# NEVER AGAIN

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ORDER OF RESOLUTIONISTS MENU FOR 1909

NO DRINKS  
NO SMOKE  
NO CHEWS  
NO LATE HOURS  
NO ILLUMINATED SOCKS  
NO POKER  
NO HAZARD  
NO...

W. J. BRYAN  
"WHO WILL LECTURE"

W. H. TAFT ON TOP JUST AT PRESENT



**W**ITHIN a few days our ears will be filled with the deafening crash of people breaking their New Year's resolutions. Three million sets of iron-clad non-combustible American "never-again's" crushed to earth will remain there until dug up again the night of December 31, 1909.

What has the New Year in store for you, joy or sorrow? Few to-day realize what or where they will be before the end of 1909, and attempts to prognosticate probably would be vain. As far as destiny is concerned the world literally lives "from hand to mouth." We can only guess at what the next year will bring.

For William Jennings Bryan 1909 means more lectures at so much per night. For William Howard Taft, 1909 is a year of glad rejoicing, for on March 4 he assumes the presidential chair vacated by Theodore Roosevelt. Four years ago when an attempt was made to relegate Mr. Taft to the bench of the supreme court of the United States he little suspected that he was material to fill the chair at the head of the nation.

Joy is mingled with sadness in President Roosevelt's case and his cup is one of bitter-sweet, for while he lifts the cares of the presidential office from his head and applies his strenuous tests upon the habits of the East African jungle he has shot his bolt as far as the U. S. A. is concerned, there being nothing left to conquer.

But for the commonplace citizen of these United States 1909 carries only conjecture, as a rule. Lots of men and women start the year planning to carry out some cherished ideas, whether they will succeed being a matter that only Father Time himself can solve.

There are approximately 83,000,000 souls in this country. Of that number statistics say 3,000,000 have drawn up sets of resolutions, which if carried out would cut a swath in the nation's liquor and tobacco traffic.

From every state in the union the cry "never again" arises, and just a few days after the debut of the new year the phrase gives way to a murmur of "just one more" with the eventual result that 15 days or three weeks finds conditions once more at a normal state.

There is a saying that a man is never great until he dies. Therefore it is generally not until the demise of the righteous that we learn of the man or woman who made and kept a New Year's reso-

lution. Then the press lets us know about it and as a rule the alleged New Year's resolution which was kept may be laid at the door of the bright young reporter who covered the death and who was anxious to inculcate a feature into his story.

There are thousands of ways of applying the "never again." Here are a few of the more or less popular ways:

I promise never again, after January 1 to—

Drink Intoxicants,  
Smoke Tobacco,  
Swear,  
Be Mean to My Wife,  
Keep Late Hours,  
Waste Money,  
Eat Heavy Meals,  
Vote the — Ticket,  
Grow a Mustache,  
Spurn the Alarm Clock's Call,  
Read Novels,  
Quit My Job,  
Believe Fish Tales,  
Play Cards,  
Gamble,  
Celebrate July 4,  
Dance Overtime,  
Ask for More Pay,  
Tell Lies,  
Wear Loud Socks,  
Flirt,  
Part My Hair in the Middle,  
Shirk Work,  
Watch Salome Dances,  
Marry,  
Be Conceited,  
Wear Merry Widow Hats,  
Etc.

Other purely local faults are subjects of New Year's resolutions and usually the signed and sworn document is tucked away in a corner, neglected and its contents forgotten. Then the party to the "swearing off," who for three days has been telling his friends or her friends how invigorating it feels to be once more spiritually pure, drops down a step or two and when resolutions are mentioned has a merry laugh and tells about how last New Year's he or she had sworn off this and that and had more fun "with the folks over it."

At midnight each December 31, Father Time loads up the water wagon with thousands of ex-fibbers who now are firm believers in the health-giving properties of aqua pura. About 12:01 a. m., January 1, the one who is less able to stand the gaff of total abstinence slides off to the

ground and proceeds to celebrate. For fear that he may be lonesome two or three others follow him and pretty soon most of them are sliding back to Mother Earth and alleged happiness. Occasionally a man or two is found who keeps a resolution or two and then there is a place reserved for him in the hall of fame, but there are lots of empty niches there.

New Year's parties, attended by young people, are the breeding places for resolutions. Inventors of games who profit thereby, have gone so far as to concoct resolution games for parties of that sort and in some of the contests the loser is compelled to keep his promise to "swear off" this or that, if he would adhere to his or her affidavit.

A story is told of a young lady and a young man, engaged to each other, who attended a New Year's party. The couple were extremely fond of each other and the bride-to-be had only one objection to her intended spouse, viz., that he drank intoxicants. He was not aware that she knew it. Consequently before the little social function she "fixed" the resolution contest, so he would lose. She playfully told him that he must keep his resolution and he, rather fearfully promised, little suspecting the plot.

Well, he lost and said he would keep the promise, though he lied and said he never touched a "drop in his life."

"I know you don't drink," she breathed into his ear from the depths of a cozy corner, "but I want to be sure that you never will."

Thus the young man's habit met its Waterloo in the New Year's trick of a "stacked deck," promoted by his fiancée, and now, five years following their marriage, his taste for spirits was declared positively extinct by the wife in a recent coroner's inquest at the ladies' sewing circle.

That was one resolution which held and probably will for the rest of the young married man's life, providing he doesn't get into politics. But that was one of a few. When a man or woman makes a resolution with a string attached to it, such as awarding a watching friend a few simoleons in case the promise to abstain from some habit is broken, then the vaccination "takes," but otherwise, it seldom holds good for more than a week. A week is really a long stretch for the life of a set of promises, most of them expiring with dawn of January 1, although having been made only the previous night. This new year will see the breaking of approximately 3,000,000 well-founded resolutions, but who cares? There are lots more New Years coming, say the philosophers.

## DO LITTLE REAL WORK

Play is the Principal Occupation of the Turkish Army Officers.

Very seldom if he can help it does the Turkish army officer appear on horseback, says the Chicago Daily News, and when not on duty he looks upon his horse merely as a method of locomotion. He has no affection or understanding for the horse. The superior officers have no horses of

their own, and, being generally bad riders, and without military qualities which would raise them in the estimation of their men, they are neither loved nor respected by them. Married officers keep entirely to themselves, such things as invitations to one another's houses being unknown, and the only occasions upon which officers meet together at all are on the days of assembly, when they are called together for the sultan's birthday or accession celebrations.

The pay of the lower ranks is as small as that of the superior officer is high. The young cavalry officer who makes a good impression on his entry into the service soon falls to pieces through want of occupation either of mind or body. The greater part of the morning and evening he sits over his coffee and cards or dominoes. There are but few newspapers, and those that do exist are so severely censored by the government that they contain little but weather statistics, gazettes and announcements of the bestowal of decorations.

What the Turkish officer really thoroughly enjoys is a gramophone. Instruments playing the waltzes and reproducing the music hall songs of all the cities of Europe are in the greatest possible request, chiefly because they make music without any personal trouble.

Every frown and every smile a man gets back in life is the fruit of his own seeding.

## STARS ON NEW FLAG

WERE ARRANGED BY CHARLES TALLMAN OF RICHMOND, ME.

His Services in the Army and Navy—Has Visited Ports in All Parts of World and Has Traveling Record of 350,000 Miles.

Boston.—It is not generally known that the person who suggested the arrangement for the stars on the United States flag, which became effective July 4 last, was a Maine man.

After the admission of Oklahoma to statehood Charles E. Tallman, U. S. N., retired, of Richmond, made a 16-inch flag with 46 stars and forwarded it to the state department at Washington.

The state department referred the matter to the navy department.

A few days later Mr. Tallman received notice to the effect that his arrangement was one of those which was being considered. Later it was officially announced that Mr. Tallman's arrangement had been selected.

Charles E. Tallman was born in Richmond, Me., March 14, 1842. On January 9, 1864, he enlisted for three years as a private in Company A, Capt. J. W. Spaulding, Nineteenth Maine volunteer infantry, which was commanded by Col. I. H. Stairbird.

He served but a short time in the army, being discharged at Brandy Station, Va., April 25, 1864, and transferred to the navy, where he first saw service at the Brooklyn navy yard, on board the U. S. S. North Carolina. In May, 1864, he was assigned to the U. S. S. Blenheim, then at that yard.



The ship soon joined the West Gulf blockading squadron, which was under command of Rear Admiral David G. Farragut. She continued on patrol and blockade duty in the Gulf of Mexico and participated in the battle of Mobile, when Farragut made his famous entry into Mobile bay.

Mr. Tallman was then transferred to the U. S. S. Richmond, bearing the pennant of Acting Rear Admiral Hervey K. Thatcher, who had assumed command of the gulf squadron. After a few months' service on the Richmond he was transferred to the U. S. S. Estrella, at Pensacola. The Estrella was at about the same time made the flagship of Rear Admiral Thatcher. Mr. Tallman was promoted and rated a sailmaker's mate. He spent a year cruising in the gulf and visiting various ports.

He was then honorably discharged from the service.

On June 24, 1876, Mr. Tallman again enlisted in the navy. Six months later he was made a warrant officer, with grade of sailmaker.

In January, 1878, he was assigned to duty on the U. S. S. Oospee, on board which vessel he cruised in the Caribbean sea. At Portsmouth, N. H., in November, 1879, he was assigned to the U. S. S. Ticonderoga, which was detailed on special service and carried important dispatches. In June, 1879, Mr. Tallman was detached from the Ticonderoga and placed on waiting orders until December, when he was ordered on duty on the U. S. S. R. S. Wabash, at the Boston navy yard.

In January, 1887, he went to the United States navy yard at Boston. He was assigned to duty in the storekeeper's department, and remained there until July, 1890, when he was placed on waiting orders.

In April, 1891, he was ordered to the U. S. S. Marion as fleet sailmaker to Rear Admiral G. E. Belknap. With the Marion as flagship Admiral Belknap joined the Asiatic squadron and cruised in the waters of China, Japan and the East Indies.

In 1894 Mr. Tallman was detached from the Marion, and returning home in May, 1895, he was attached to the gunnery schools at Washington, where he remained until November, when he was ordered on duty at the Portsmouth navy yard. He remained there until October, 1897, when he was retired.

In March, 1898, he was ordered to duty on the United States receiving ship Vermont at the New York navy yard. He was at this yard until after the close of the Spanish war.

On October 29, 1898, he was again retired from active duty in the United States navy by reason of disability in the line of duty.

During his terms of service Mr. Tallman visited ports in all parts of the world, and has a traveling record of 350,000 miles.

**A Purist.**  
One-Legged Mendicant—My leg was bit off by a shark, and—  
Bypasser—How you came to lose your limb does not in the least interest me, but I will gladly give you a quarter if you will tell me whether the garment you now wear may be properly called trousers or a trouse?

**Thinking of His Pocket.**  
Church—Do you know how far down they have to go for coal?  
Gotham—Well, I know I have to "dig" down pretty low.—Yonkers Statesman.

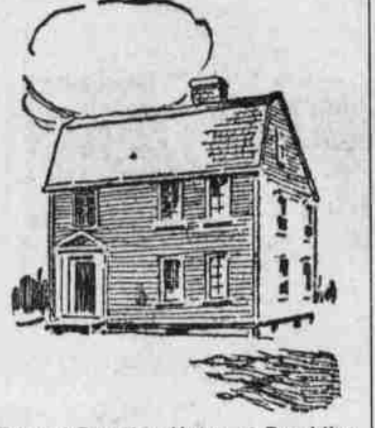
## AS MUSEUM IN BROOKLINE.

Historic New England House Opened On 203d Anniversary of Town.

Boston.—The historic Edward Devotion house on Harvard street, Brookline, was formally opened as a public museum the other day. The little old building has been well stocked with articles of the revolutionary period, given or loaned by public-spirited citizens of the town.

The day was especially appropriate for the opening of the little museum, for it was the 203d anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Brookline.

The town not long ago appropriated \$1,500 to place the structure in a



habitable condition, and the Edward Devotion House association is to have charge of its maintenance. The Edward Devotion house is the oldest now standing in Brookline. It commemorates the Devotion school fund which was bequeathed by Edward Devotion and received by the town in 1762. The fund amounted to about \$3,696, which the donor specified should go toward building or maintaining a school as near the center of the town as should be agreed upon by the town.

The Edward Devotion grammar school is located on the old Devotion lot on Harvard street, where the old building may be plainly seen by passersby.

## WOMAN MINE OPERATOR.

Mrs. Upham of Denver Delegate to National Convention.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Mrs. Nellie C. Upham of Denver, Col., the most successful woman mine operator in the country, bears the distinction of being the only woman delegate to attend the sessions of the American Mining congress held in this city recently.

Mrs. Upham was appointed a special delegate by the commissioners of the District of Columbia and bears the distinction of having twice before represented the district in the congress.

Mrs. Upham is known as the "Hetty Green of the Mining Industry." She owns and operates a dozen mines in various sections of the far west and has successfully conducted some of the most bitterly contested legal bat-



tles for possession of mining claims in which she was pitted against famous western mine operators. She has been remarkably successful in avoiding labor difficulties on her many claims.

## The Maternal Instinct.

A little girl sat in a corner of a railway carriage, apparently lost in thought and with a slight frown on her pretty face. Opposite was her mother, who wondered what Molly was thinking of, and whether she was regretting the joys of paddling and castle building at the seaside.

At last the mother spoke:  
"Well, Molly, what is it? Are you sorry to be going home?"

"I shall be glad to see my dollies again," said Molly—a mere babe, but already quite a little mother.—Home Notes.

## Must Not Read Newspapers.

In Bombay, education has been advancing within recent years, but the standard of manners in schools and colleges has been rapidly going down. Flagrant offences against school rules occur constantly, and complaints of the rudeness and discourtesy of boys in public are frequent. To check this state of affairs, the government of Bombay has sent to masters of primary schools the following note: "The Sarkar has heard that some of you disobey the rule that forbids you to go to political meetings or speak in public on politics. You must obey the rule. You are not to take newspapers into the school or to allow any one else to take them in."

## Very Likely.

She—They say there will be no blondes in 400 years.  
He—Why not?  
She—Because the blonde type is reverting to the brunette.

He—Well, don't you suppose some of the brunettes will get tired and revert back?

**Hot Shot.**  
"How is this flat heated?"  
"It is supposed to be heated by hot air."  
"Hot air?"  
"Yes, the landlord's."—Baltimore American.



## ECZEMA ALL OVER HIM.

No Night's Rest for a Year and Limit of His Endurance Searched Near—Owes Recovery to Cuticura.

"My son Clyde was almost completely covered with eczema. Physicians treated him for nearly a year without helping him any. His head, face, and neck were covered with large scabs which he would rub until they fell off. Then blood and matter would run out and that would be worse. Friends coming to see him said that if he got well he would be disgraced for life. When it seemed as if he could possibly stand it no longer, I used some Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Resolvent. That was the first night for nearly a year that he slept. In the morning there was a great change for the better, in about six weeks he was perfectly well. Our leading physician recommends Cuticura for eczema. Mrs. Algy Cockburn, Shiloh, O., June 11, 1907."

## A Personal Question.

"I see," said the man, "that you hold your letter pad on your lap when you write."  
"Well?" said the woman.  
"Would you hold your typewriter on your lap?"  
"No. Would you?"—Kansas City Journal.

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